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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF PETROLEUM OTAIBA'S DESIRE TO VISIT WASHINGTON

REF: ABU DHABI 0932

1. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TRY AND ARRANGE A PROGRAM FOR MINISTER OF PETROLEUM OTAIBA IN WASHINGTON AFTER HIS VISIT TO JAPAN. UNFORTUNATELY, PERIOD HE HAS CHOSEN PRESENTS SCHEDULING PROBLEMS FROM OUR STANDPOINT. SHAH OF IRAN WILL BE IN WASHINGTON MAY 15-17. WERE OTAIBA TO DELAY HIS ARRIVAL UNTIL MAY 19-20, IT IS UNCERTAIN THAT PRINCIPALS HE HAS EXPRESSLY INDICATED DESIRE TO MEET WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, ALTHOUGH OTHER VARIOUS USEFUL CALLS COULD BE ARRANGED. WE HOPE TO RESPOND MORE SPECIFICALLY NEXT WEEK.

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2. FYI: REGARDING YOUR REQUEST THAT OTAIBA AND PARTY BE INVITED AS GUESTS OF USG, OUTSIDE OF POSSIBILITY OF PAYING STANDARD LEADER GRANT PER DIEM FOR OTAIBA HIMSELF AND POSSIBLY FOR ISMAIL, DURING THEIR TWO DAYS' STAY IN

WASHINGTON, WE HAVE NO WAY MAKING THEM GUESTS OF USG. THE LAST TIME OTAIBA AND PARTY CAME TO WASHINGTON IN 1973 AND THIS ISSUE CAME UP, PHILLIPS PETROLEUM PICKED UP TAB. WE DO NOT FEEL WE SHOULD TREAT OTAIBA ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN WE

HAVE OIL MINISTER YAMANI, WHO HAS ALWAYS PAID HIS OWN BILLS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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